

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1949 was estimated to be 544,815, comprising 280,457 Males and 264,358 Females.

On the 31st December, 1949, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 294,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>MARCH</u>		<u>3 Months ended MARCH</u>	
	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
MarriagesNo.	484	493	1,468	1,339
* Rate per 1000 of Population	10.31	11.05	10.82	10.36
BirthsNo.	1,210	1,160	3,523	3,300
* Rate per 1000 of Population	25.76	26.00	25.98	25.54
DeathsNo.	374	377	1,116	1,096
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.96	8.45	8.23	8.48
Infant MortalityNo.	30	27	105	93
(Deaths under) Rate per 1000 (one year) Live Births	24.79	23.28	29.80	28.18
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	12	6	34	36
Cancer	55	49	159	135
Influenza	-	-	1	3
Diphtheria	-	-	-	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	41	38	115	105
Arteriosclerosis	-	22	21	53
Diseases of the Heart	103	110	313	309
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	10	23	29	53
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	-	5	4	14
Nephritis	3	9	16	32
Diseases of Early Infancy	22	15	77	51
Senility	4	6	14	26
Accidents	43	34	102	82
All Other Causes	81	60	231	195
TOTAL	374	377	1,116	1,096

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April, totalled 191,909 acres, a decrease of 13,861 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 139,399 acres, a decrease of 748,649 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	2,237,690	1,808,309	19,547,889	16,450,329
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£4. 0. 9.	£3. 8. 7.	£35. 18. 8.	£31. 10. 7.
Expenditure	2,269,559	1,792,479	19,914,409	17,132,545
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£4. 1. 10.	£3. 8. 0.	£36. 12. 2.	£32. 16. 9.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th April amounted to £38,781,512 or £69.17. 6d. per head of population as against £36,886,926 or £69.16. 11d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 26th April, 1950, amounted to £6,716,850 compared with £5,571,040 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	1,787	1,475	17,572	15,823
	£	1,874,687	935,261	15,262,493	9,007,141
Mortgages	No.	1,094	789	10,896	8,541
	£	1,293,642	722,353	12,168,538	8,362,380
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	833	749	8,687	8,123

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June, 1949	18,522,779	11,694,334	45,148,825	2,085,203
Year ended 30th June, 1948	14,870,843	11,013,911	37,726,747	1,812,929
Month of April, 1950	1,914,934	1,393,675	3,414,919	204,861
Month of April, 1949	1,530,797	835,888	3,532,224	170,391
Ten Months to April, 1950	18,943,012	12,432,031	39,387,151	1,993,603
Ten Months to April, 1949	15,088,628	9,452,785	36,110,453	1,704,974

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

81 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,506,000 and 55 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 97 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,178,500 and 39 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	10 Months ended APRIL					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	19	30,168	46,442	17	15,603	3,109
Deeds of Assignment (a)	14	38,753	18,270	10	50,255	43,647
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£	596,300	456,200	4,697,200	3,922,000
Working Expenses (a)	£	725,423	601,400	5,405,411	4,993,021
		* FEBRUARY		* 8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Train Miles Run	No.	548,649	541,872	4,361,026	4,098,883
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 116,110	78,750	(c) 777,090	623,880
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	872,619	1,030,698	7,311,896	8,296,567
Motor Bus	No.	36,607	29,581	312,923	221,823
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		222,870	202,253	1,751,223	1,712,115
Livestock		10,462	13,256	109,498	122,764
Departmental (Free Freight)		50,128	46,058	355,284	383,753
Total		283,460	261,567	2,216,005	2,218,637
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		34,731,369	29,487,893	268,856,723	248,923,875
Livestock		1,114,632	1,486,282	13,622,124	15,512,553
Departmental (Free Freight)		7,204,903	7,335,173	55,137,846	59,346,244
Total		43,050,904	38,309,348	337,616,693	323,782,670

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service. (b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 11th February. (c) Period covered - 3rd July to 11th February.

* Later figures not available.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,635	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
1950 -								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
December	25,392	11,744	402	6,924	43,128	40,167	781	11,378
1950 -								
January	26,108	11,853	427	6,973	42,977	37,811	764	11,259
February	26,438	11,900	426	7,023	44,377	39,339	786	11,592
March	26,705	11,997	427	7,083	45,363	40,344	802	11,866

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for March, 1950, 139 Cars; 641 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, March, 1950 and 1949 and 9 months ending March, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Oversea	£A,000 2,842	£A,000 1,648	£A,000 24,473	£A,000 15,857	£A,000 7,258	£A,000 5,320	£A,000 42,498	£A,000 37,948
Interstate	2,291	2,659	24,405	22,915	312	354	4,199	3,400
TOTAL	5,133	4,307	48,878	38,772	7,570	5,674	46,697	41,348

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-- Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
ear 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
ear 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
ear 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
ear 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1949 - ar. Qr.	194	149	523	705	13	32	73	178	803	1,064
1950 - ar Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1949 - Mar. Qr.	297	447	59	48	354	352	6	5	716	852
1950 - Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

201,553 lbs. were produced during March, 1950 and 13,402,254 lbs. for the nine months ended March, 1950, as against 269,890 and 13,700,024 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	Quantity ... Fine Ozs.			
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	42,923	49,413	182,759	199,147
Value (Aust. Currency) £	665,712	531,804	2,832,767	2,143,316

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ended April, 1950, amounted to £319,063. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £123,438.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months ended MARCH.	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1548	1396	1523	1368	1479	1338	1445	1294
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1683	1543	1657	1511	1571	1441	1535	1395
Northam	1573	1416	1546	1390	1494	1347	1457	1302
Bunbury	1548	1406	1525	1379	1499	1355	1460	1307
Geraldton	1583	1436	1562	1405	1546	1441	1508	1360
Collie	1554	1419	1536	1389	1419	1288	1386	1246

Estimated Total Employment.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,741	38,801	156,542
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,048	39,031	157,079
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	118,992	39,688	158,680
April	112,671	37,887	150,558			
May	112,777	37,782	150,559			
June	113,010	37,928	150,938			
July	111,190	37,991	149,181			
August	113,003	38,098	151,101			
September	113,933	38,358	152,291			
October	114,603	38,649	153,252			
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,480	39,667	157,147			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949 (a)	1950 (a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186		1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187		1051	1144	1264	1377	
May	154	168	177	187		1069	1151	1277	1354	
June	154	167	177	187		1087	1153	1277	1362	
July	157	167	177	182		1096	1168	1301	1381	
August	159	167	179	187		1109	1181	1294	1377	
September	160	168	180	191		1114	1172	1302	1365	
October	161	168	180	191		1118	1184	1318	1375	
November	158	169	182	192		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	182	193		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

RETAIL CRIMINAL INDEX NUMBER

(Index of Retail Crime) - weighted average of the following for 1937-1940

Year	All Items of Household Appliances (1937-1940)				Food and Groceries			
	1937	1938	1939	1940	1937	1938	1939	1940
1937	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1938	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1939	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1940	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Relative Total Volume

(Index of Retail Crime) and Relative Volume

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Year	All Items of Household Appliances (1937-1940)				Food and Groceries			
	1937	1938	1939	1940	1937	1938	1939	1940
1937	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1938	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1939	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1940	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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	1937	1938	1939	1940	1937	1938	1939	1940
1937	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1938	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1939	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1940	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(a) Indexes computed on common basis for all items, and are based

(b) Indexes computed on common basis for all items, and are based

(c) Indexes computed on common basis for all items, and are based

(d) Indexes computed on common basis for all items, and are based

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1948 -									
July	133	6	139	151	7	158	188	5	193
August	94	5	99	114	3	117	168	7	175
September	71	3	74	97	3	100	142	7	149
October	63	4	67	92	8	100	113	3	116
November	49	2	51	61	4	65	101	1	102
December	44	1	45	43	-	43	102	2	104
1949 -									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
1950 -									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st May 1950.	7. 0. 0.	3. 15. 7.	6. 19. 9.	3. 15. 6.	7. 7. 3.	3. 19. 6.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.w.H.)	20,149	19,323	191,399	183,181
Units Sold (1000 K.w.H.) *	14,746	16,139	157,255	154,719

* Monthly figures not comparable with Electricity Generated owing to different accounting period.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
April, 1950	5,694	222	47,128	7,017
April, 1949	7,088	267	60,422	8,026
4 Months ended APRIL, 1950	23,924	1,324	242,553	32,984
4 Months ended APRIL, 1949	24,826	1,374	261,391	38,119

